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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Mercury Management Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) concerning the long-term management of the Defense National Stockpile Center (DNSC) excess elemental mercury (CEQ # 040128). Our review was conducted in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

EPA has not identified any significant environmental concerns related to DNSC's preferred alternative; i.e. consolidating mercury storage at one site. The EIS provides adequate documentation and provides suitable analysis upon which to base this decision. However, EPA does recommend that, in order to best fulfill the interests of public disclosure, the selection of a consolidation site is specified in the Record of Decision.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 202-564-5400 or James G. Gavin of my staff at 202-564-7161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Anne Norton Miller", is written over a horizontal line.

Anne Norton Miller
Director
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